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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 333**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez**

February 13, 2015

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An act to add Section 856 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 333, as amended, Melendez. Healing arts: continuing education.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various healing arts licensees by various boards, as defined, within the Department of Consumer Affairs and imposes various continuing education requirements for license renewal.

This bill would allow specified healing arts licensees to apply one unit, as defined, of continuing education credit *once per renewal cycle* towards any required continuing education units for attending ~~a course~~ *certain courses* that ~~results~~ *result* in the licensee becoming a certified instructor of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or the proper use of an automated external defibrillator ~~(AED)~~, (AED), and would allow specified healing arts licensees to apply up to 2 units of continuing education credit *once per renewal cycle* towards any required continuing education units for conducting *board-approved* CPR or AED training sessions for employees of school districts and community college districts in the state. *The bill would specify that these provisions would not apply if a licensing board's laws or regulations establishing*

*continuing education requirements exclude the courses or activities mentioned above.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 856 is added to the Business and  
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 856. (a) (1) A person licensed pursuant to this division who  
4 is required to complete continuing education units as a condition  
5 of renewing his or her license ~~may~~ *may, once per renewal cycle,*  
6 apply one unit of continuing education ~~credit~~ *credit, pursuant to*  
7 *paragraph (2), towards that requirement for attending a course*  
8 *that results in the licensee becoming a certified instructor of*  
9 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or the proper use of an*  
10 *automated external defibrillator (AED).*

11 (2) *A licensee may only apply continuing education credit for*  
12 *attending one of the following courses:*

13 (A) *An instructional program developed by the American Heart*  
14 *Association.*

15 (B) *An instructional program developed by the American Red*  
16 *Cross.*

17 (C) *An instructional program that is nationally recognized and*  
18 *based on the most current national evidence-based emergency*  
19 *cardiovascular care guidelines for the performance of CPR and*  
20 *the use of an AED.*

21 (b) (1) A person licensed pursuant to this division who is  
22 required to complete continuing education units as a condition of  
23 renewing his or her license ~~may~~ *may, once per renewal cycle,*  
24 apply up to two units of continuing education ~~credit~~ *credit,*  
25 *pursuant to paragraph (2), towards that requirement for conducting*  
26 *CPR or AED training sessions for employees of school districts*  
27 *and community college districts in the state.*

28 (2) *A licensee may only apply continuing education credit for*  
29 *holding a training session if the training session is approved by*  
30 *the applicable licensing board.*

31 (c) For purposes of this section, “unit” means any measurement  
32 for continuing education, such as hours or course credits.

1     *(d) This section shall not apply to a person licensed under this*  
2     *division if the applicable licensing board's laws or regulations*  
3     *establishing continuing education requirements exclude the courses*  
4     *or activities described in subdivisions (a) and (b).*

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